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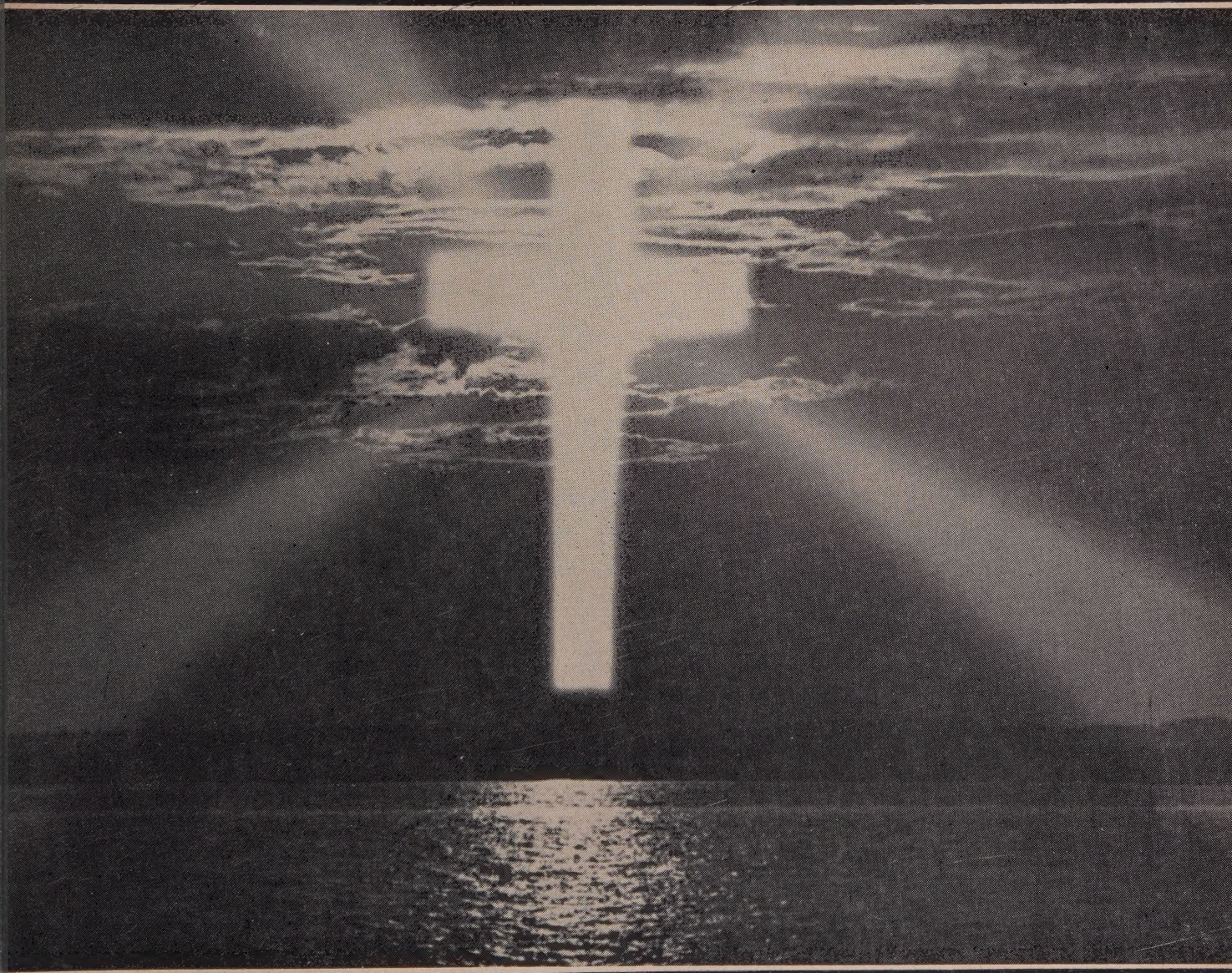

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Readers Say—

For the Record

To the Editor:

Thank you for a most informative and helpful periodical. We are encouraged by your faithful stand for Biblical Christianity.

I would like to record a correction of a news item which appears on page 9 of the July 1, 1957 issue. In reporting the election of a bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, you state, "elected its first new bishop since 1920." The date should be "1936." The last bishop of ours was Bishop William Culbertson, D.D., LL.D., now president of the Moody Bible Institute and still a bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, consecrated April 30, 1937.

You are correct in reporting that Dr. Trotter was elected at the recent General Council in Chicago. However, he has since declined the election and so will not be consecrated a bishop.

HOWARD D. HIGGINS

Merion Station, Pa.

Carlisle Church Withdraws

To the Editor:

We are pleased to note *Action* magazine's realistic and truthful reports of the recent Congregational—Evangelical and Reformed merger.

The Carlisle Congregational Church, which has stood in the historic, evangelical, Congregational tradition for 176 years, severed any and all ties with the Woburn Association of Congregational Churches, the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference and the General Council. Action was taken at a special business meeting on June 19, 1957, and was voted unanimously.

The Carlisle Church has consistently opposed the proposed merger between the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The church has felt that it could not conscientiously be a party to the betrayal of historic Congregationalism. We feel no animosity toward those who desire centralization and overhead control. Our supreme conviction is that we as a church will be subject to Jesus Christ alone.

ROBERT B. DEMPSEY

Carlisle, Mass.

Capital Punishment

To the Editor:

I was surprised at the position on capital punishment taken by Prof. Arthur Roberts (*Action*, July 1). I can hardly believe that Mr. Roberts has tasted much of the bitterness or hardships of life. Some very heinous, vicious and bestial murders have been committed. Surely if only for example's sake life for a life should be exacted. Even if the death penalty were demanded of drunken drivers who slaughter innocent people, the deterring effect would preserve many lives and give these people a chance to repent before God.

Contrary to what Mr. Roberts says, execution of a man does not take away his opportunity to repent. It would probably add to his chances of being saved.

It was the love, justice and mercy of God that caused Him to give the command to Noah, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man" (Gen. 9:6). In the New Testament the Holy Spirit verified this through Paul when He said, ". . . for he [civil governors] beareth not the sword in vain" (Rom. 13:4).

For a few years of my Christian life I believed as Mr. Roberts, but experience and a study of the Bible changed my mind. The sixth commandment rightly put means, "Thou shalt do no murder." Murder is wrong but killing can under certain circumstances be right.

All conservative sources that I know believe in capital punishment. It is usually the liberals who do not.

I respect and enjoy your magazine.

CHARLES TARNER

Hollywood, Fla.

Eager Reader

To the Editor:

Although I am not on your subscription list, I am a steady and enthusiastic reader of your magazine, which I receive through my church. I look for it eagerly and devour every word—it is so full of interesting, vital information. It keeps one abreast of what is being done in the Christian field, and faces realities in giving statistics—most of them appalling!—on juvenile delinquency, alcoholism, etc. There is no doubt in my mind that, according to Bible prophecy, we are living in the last days—and that our Lord's return cannot be far off.

May the Lord continue to bless your efforts in the most important field of Christian publishing.

KATHERINE HANSEN

Port Jervis, N. Y.

Other "Bright Spots"

To the Editor:

I was interested to read your editorial on the Lutheran Churches (*Action*, June 15), especially your comments on the Evangelical Lutheran Church of which I am a lay member. Many of us feel deeply about the decision of the ELC to join the World Council of Churches. The vote to apply for membership was about 2 to 1 in favor.

However, I feel that some ministers and laymen in our synod could not help but disagree with you when you say that "the Missouri Synod is the only bright spot in the Lutheran picture in America today." There are many of us in the ELC who believe too much in the importance of the local congregation to endorse such a view. Many local pastors and laymen will not support the World Council and will continue to stand for the historic biblical Lutheran faith.

A LUTHERAN LAYMAN

Elmhurst, Ill.

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1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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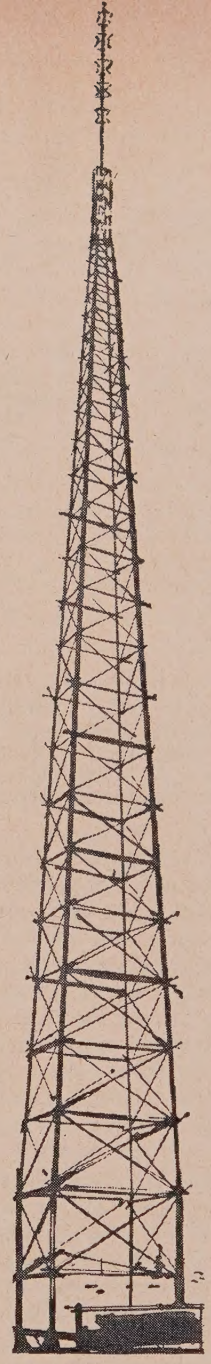
Telling the World by MISSIONARY RADIO

How evangelicals are belting the globe With a chain of gospel broadcasting stations



By MARTHA E. PARSONS

ON Christmas Day, 1931 there occurred in Quito, Ecuador an event of profound significance to the cause of Christian missions. A Christian radio station HCJB went on the air to broadcast the evangelical Gospel message to a lost world.

Evangelicals had the vision to become the pioneers in this field of endeavor. Evangelicals have followed through and today have around twenty broadcasting stations beyond the borders of the United States of America sending out the saving story of Christ's redemptive love.

• THE STORY of HCJB is filled with amazing evidences of God's unmistakable leading. The three young men (Clarence Jones, Stuart Clark, Reuben Larson) who were so miraculously brought together from widely separated points of service to join in the breath-taking plan for utilizing radio "to reach the largest number of souls in the shortest possible time" would be the first to disclaim any personal credit for the accomplishments of the past quarter century. There are too many consecrated colleagues who have helped. There are too many miraculous instances of judgment stayed, and of judgment vindicated in crisis times.

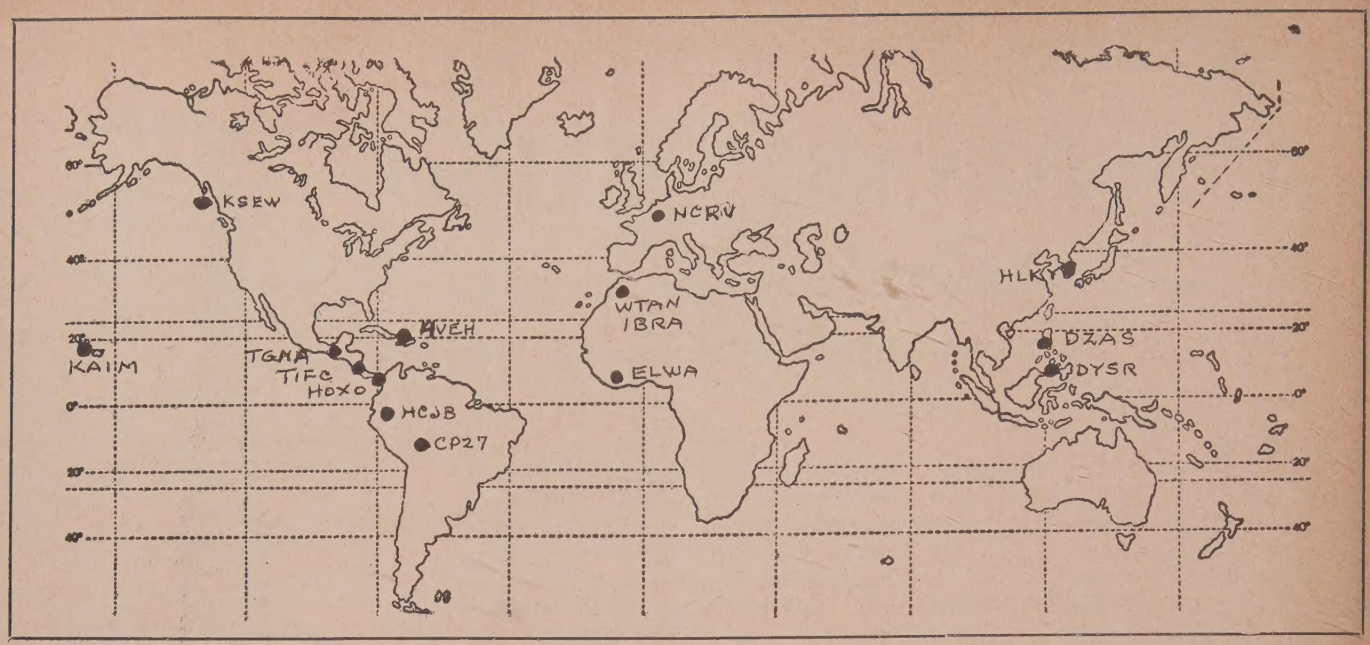
Take, for instance, the tremendously important matter of selecting a site. Jones tells of it in his book, *Radio, the New Missionary*. One sizzling July day in Washington, D.C. he found himself in the office of a secretary in the South American Division of the State Department. "I understand," he said to the official, "that your Department has gathered considerable data on radio broadcasting experience and problems in various parts of the world. Have you anything on Ecuador?" "Not a great deal," replied the official. "Reception conditions there are just about nil." Pressed for advice as to where in Ecuador he would put a station if he were to do it at all, the official said emphatically, "I would definitely not put up a station in Ecuador at all. Get as far away from the equator as you can!" A short time later a highly touted technical report prepared by radio engineers of an outstanding United States manufacturer of radio equipment, based on investigations in Ecuador, stated "Because of the large amount of mineral ore deposits in the mountains, it could be expected that any radio signal transmitted from such a point would be lost or seriously weakened by ground absorption." Very discouraging for a station in Quito, Ecuador! As a compromise, Guayaquil on the coast was suggested. But Jones writes, "God seemed to call . . . 'Come up to the top of the mountain' . . . as He did to Moses of old at Mount Sinai. There was nothing to do but to obey!"

In 1943 Clarence Moore (so vitally connected with the development of HCJB) was attending a gathering of top-flight radio technicians in New York City. His convention badge read "Moore-HCJB-Quito." More than one man came up to him saying, "Hello, HCJB! We know you! What a whale of a signal you put in up there —3000 miles away! You fellows must have had a smart bunch of technicians to go 'way up on top of those mountains to locate your station!" "What makes you say that?" Moore asked. They stuck a radio textbook under his nose. "The higher up above sea-level you get your antenna tower," it said, "the farther out your signal will go!" "Furthermore," said one of the men, "we have found that one of the finest places in the world to broadcast a radio signal north and south *is the line of the equator*!"

By 1938 HCJB (also known as The Voice of the Andes) had grown from a 150 watt station to a 1000 watt station. But its young trustees were not satisfied. There were "untold millions still untold." Suddenly one day word came that there was an opportunity to buy a second-hand 5000 watt transmitter for $10,000. Without funds, they went to their knees seeking God's guidance. To make a long story short they got the answer to their prayer.

Today HCJB, with 150 workers using transmitters 24 hours daily (except Monday) is broadcasting in 11 languages. At Pifo, about an hour's drive from Quito, it owns 45 acres on which are its diesel engines, 8 curtain antennae towers and necessary housing for other equipment. It is co-partner with the Latin America Mission in Station HOXO in Panama City and shares with TEAM in Radio Uruguay.

• TGNA IS THE Radio Voice of the Central American Mission which began a Gospel broadcasting ministry in Nicaragua in 1942 under Rev. and Mrs. Harold Van Broekhoven. When



EVANGELICAL BROADCASTING STATIONS BELTING THE GLOBE—KAIM, Honolulu, Hawaii; KSEW, Sitka, Alaska; TGNA, Guatemala City, Guatemala; TIFC, San Jose, Costa Rica; HOXO, Panama City, Panama; HCJB, Quito, Ecuador; CP27, La Paz, Bolivia; WIVV, Vieques, Puerto Rico; 4VEH, Cap Haitien, Haiti; WTAN, Tangier, North Africa; IBRA, Tangier, North Africa; ELWA, Monrovia, Liberia; NCRV, Hilversum, The Netherlands; HLKY, Seoul, Korea; HLKX, Inchon, Korea; DZAS, DZEE and six SW stations, Manila, P. I.; DYSR, Okinawa.

they were transferred to Guatemala in 1943, the burden of missionary radio ministry was again upon their hearts, and the story of TGNA is spun through with the stubborn, never-failing persistence of Mr. Van Broekhoven in the face of the most discouraging governmental technicalities.

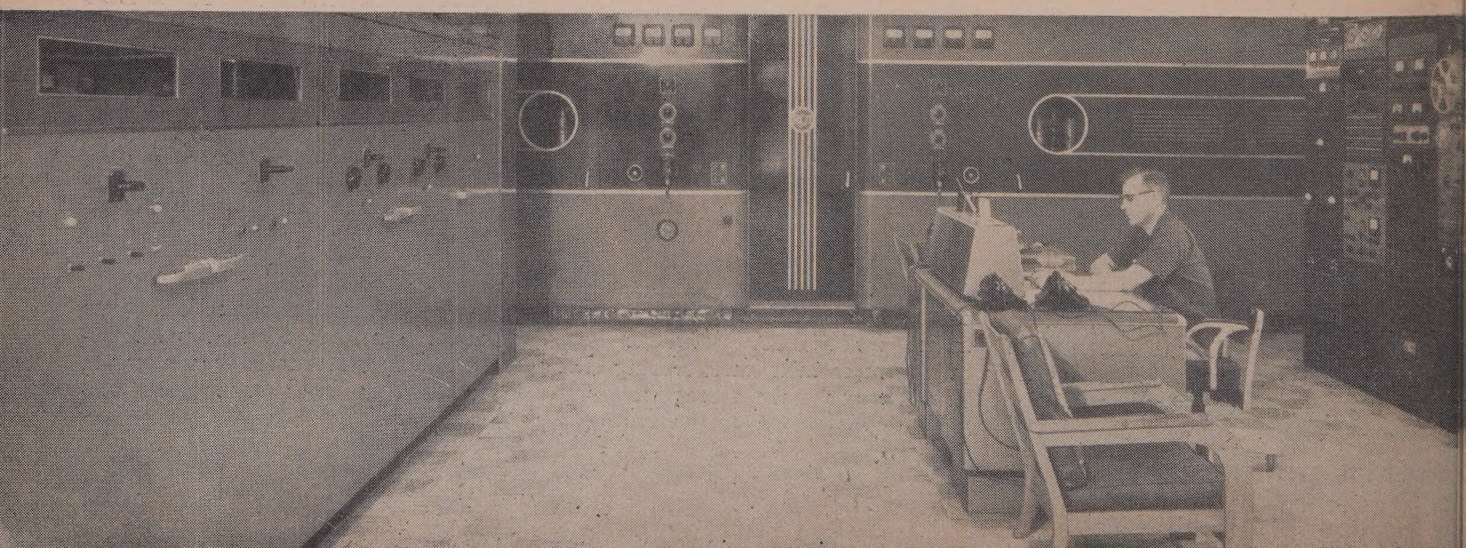
At first, time was rented on commercial and government-owned stations. But God was moving. He laid the desire on the hearts of the Van Broekhovens to obtain, if at all possible, a permit to erect, install and operate a mission-owned radio station, dedicated to non-commercial, non-political, non-controversial programs. After months of negotiating, the President of Guatemala, Dr. Juan Jose Arevalo, gave the desired permit—but in verbal form only. Seven months were spent in securing it in written form. It was finally received in September, 1947.

With the permit in hand, Clarence C. Moore of the International Radio & Electronics Corporation of Elkhart, Indiana, was asked to make a survey of possible sites. God answered prayer by granting an option to purchase 12¾ acres in the southeast end of Guatemala City, a city with a population of 325,000. The price of $12,000 was a small fraction of the estimated value of land in that sector. Equipment was rented from the Ministry of Agriculture to clear out the heavy underbrush, cut down huge trees, and remove the stumps. Nearly 40,000 ft. of bare copper wire was laid in the grounds as part of the antenna system. The transmitter building was erected.

In the meantime, with very little funds on hand, a contract was signed in faith, covering two 2500 watt transmitters, but in the form of a dual band changing transmitter. Before this equipment was completed, God's people had answered the need, and it was paid for in full.

It was then that trouble began. The government gave out word that the Mission had no permit—in spite of the document of September, 1947! Nevertheless, the small group which made up the provisional Mission Radio Board decided, in faith, to have the equipment shipped to New Orleans and from there to Puerto Barrios, the Caribbean seaport of the country. Conferences were held with the Guatemalan government; with the Director General of Telecommunications; and with

Christians who maintain the Christ-centered human view of history properly hold that our Heavenly Father permitted radio and television to be invented or discovered, first and foremost, for the dissemination of His saving Gospel.—Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, President National Religious Broadcasters.



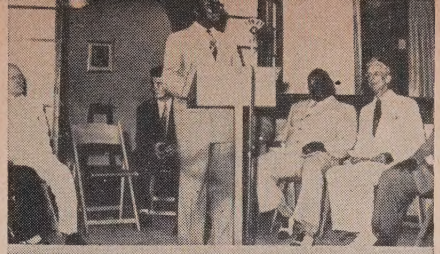
the Ministry of Communications and Public Works. A lawyer was secured. But every attempt seemed to fail!

The missionary leaders continued to look to the Lord in faith. In the meantime the equipment reached the country. Special permission was granted to bring it to the capital. Special customs agents arranged to have it come to a siding of the Railroad rather than to the Custom House where it would be detained for a long time, and require the repacking of delicate instruments. The government also permitted the equipment to be transferred to the radio site, while the Telecommunications Department sent a technician to see if all the equipment complied with the law. Mr. Moore came to Guatemala to supervise the installation. A 167 ft. long wave tower (later increased to 220 ft.) was erected of the best cyprus wood in Guatemala. A second 112 ft. tower was erected to hold the short wave antenna. Program schedules were drawn up. Finally after testing privileges had been enjoyed for several weeks, Mr. Van Broekhoven was able to convince the government on August 5, 1950, that a permit had been granted in 1947, and a license was issued to begin broadcasting the following day!

• ONE DAY EARLY IN 1951, a young Wheaton graduate by the name of William A. Watkins found himself on a plane bound for Liberia, West Africa. Bill had spent his childhood in Africa where his parents are missionaries under the Christian and Missionary Alliance in French West Africa. During his years in Wheaton his thoughts constantly turned to the land of his birth with a tremendous burden for reaching that continent by radio.

Bill was not alone in his vision for Africa. There were Abe Thiessen, Dick Reed and several other Wheaton fellows equally burdened for bringing the Gospel to Africa by radio. Meeting regularly for prayer, and definitely feeling God's call, they sought to enlist the help of Mission Societies, with little success. Finally they were led to organize the West African Broadcasting Association, Inc. In April, 1950 they received their charter from the State of Illinois.

The year following was filled with prayer, study, preparation and organization, culminating in a contact with the Liberian government through the Department of Literacy Director who was in America on a visit. This led to an invitation from the President of Liberia, William V. S. Tubman, to send a representative to discuss the terms of a broadcasting franchise. Because of his knowledge of Africa, the members of the newly chartered WA



PRESIDENT TUBMAN of Liberia is seen in the top photo as he assisted in the dedication of the Sudan Interior Mission's Station ELWA in Monrovia, capital of the republic. The lower photo shows the main building of the station.

"TO THEM THAT SIT IN DARKNESS . . ." TEAM's new 20,000-watt broadcast station in Korea is sending out two full hours of programs nightly in Mandarin Chinese, an hour and a half in Russian and two hours in Korean, beaming the gospel message—plus attractive, audience-winning secular programming—into Asiatic countries on the other side of the "Bamboo Curtain"; only 35 miles north of the TEAM compound at Inchon. Veteran China-missionary Julius Bergstrom is shown here preaching to the HLKX Chinese listening audience, while missionary-engineer Bill Winchell handles the control board.

DR. CLARENCE W. JONES, representing the directors, trustees and staff of station HCJB, Quito, receives official decoration of the Republic of Ecuador from the Minister of Public Works and Communications.

PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE of the Republic of Korea speaking to the nation over Station HLKY in Seoul. The government is generous in its encouragement of missionary radio expansion plans.

BA decided to send Bill Watkins as their representative.

After long and tortuous negotiations Bill returned to Africa and obtained a land grant and started clearing the jungle, even though funds were insufficient to continue work for even a month. He negotiated for a 100-Acre tract of land located just 11 miles from Monrovia. But it belonged to the Bassa tribe—very jealous of their tribal possessions. After much discussion the Liberian government promised to give the Bassa more land on the other side of the radio station if they would relinquish their rights to this particular site. The final agreement of the Bassa chiefs is even more of a miracle when we realize their very justifiable suspicion of any deals with the white man.

In November of 1951 work was begun in Liberia; clearing the jungle, building a road and bridges, preparing for construction. Early in 1952 the young West Africa Broadcasting Association group joined the Sudan Interior Mission, becoming its broadcasting arm, making ELWA today the Radio Voice of the Sudan Interior Mission. It has two stations in operation—a 1,000 Watt transmitter on 710 Kc. and a 10,000 Watt short-wave transmitter operating on 11.800 mg. and 4.835 mg. Three other frequencies have been assigned and plans call for the addition of other transmitters. There is a staff of more than 20 missionaries plus Africans who are being trained at the station. Present facilities include the Broadcast Station with its correspondence school and power station. Medical work has been started and a school for Africans and one for missionaries' children. Listener response has been wonderful. Over 2,000 letters a month come in telling of being saved; of blessings received. ELWA is truly a miracle from the hand of God!

• EVERY ONE of the more than twenty evangelical broadcasting stations that belt the globe has an equally entrancing missionary romance connected with it. Perhaps some day we can tell all the stories of God's leading and blessing for the readers of *United Evangelical Action.*

These missionary broadcasters are organized in The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc., with Dr. Clarence W. Jones as President. They meet regularly in a "World Missionary Conference on Missionary Radio," which is the pioneer organization of its kind.

The end is not yet. In many strategic locations in other parts of the world plans are under way for the erection of new radio broadcasting stations. This work will go on, God will-

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Reserve Trainees

The six-month Reserve training program is rolling in high gear according to the final report of the National Security Training Commission which was recently submitted to President Eisenhower. During the first six months of this year there was a remarkable "upsurge of enlistments" the report stated.

"A year ago enlistments in this program were running at the rate of about 1,000 a week. By April, 1957, the rate had increased to more than 4,000 a week—equivalent to an annual rate of well over 200,000," the report said.

The report was submitted to the White House shortly after the members of the Commission asked for its discontinuance, feeling that its mission was accomplished. There was also an implied feeling that the Reserve program is so closely related to the regular military establishment that the continuance of a civilian advisory body would be excess baggage.

Since the passage of the Reserve Forces Act of 1955 the Commission has concerned itself with the welfare and morals of the young men taking the six-month training program. It had made particularly notable recommendations against the service of alcohol to young trainees.

The final report took note of religious conditions on the basis where the Reserve training program is being undertaken. On the whole there are "adequate numbers of chaplains to take care of the trainees." On one base, the report noted, there is one chaplain for every 825 persons. However, at Fort Knox there is only one for every 2,200 (which the report indicated is not satisfactory). In addition there are special religious programs on most bases, including Sunday School, special moving pictures, musicales, young people's programs and other activities.

The "upsurge" in enlistments had been against the expectations of military officials who had watched the program get off to a slow start. It had been partly due to an intensive educational campaign and partly to a decrease in the Reserve obligations of the trainees.

The Chinese Stage

There is an increasing volume of evidence that church leaders are playing into the hands of the Communists in visiting the Chinese mainland and returning with rosy reports. The latest piece of evidence comes from Japan, where a 15-member delegation has recently delivered its impressions of the situation on the mainland.

The churchmen came out of China praising the "freedom of faith" which the Red Chinese regime offers to the people. The delegates also stated that there are "no more robbers or prostitutes."

It is becoming quite obvious that the Red Chinese regime, through its Three-Self-Movement arm, has been able to fashion a hollow duplication of religious freedom which has been put on display to all visiting churchmen. The true nature of this farce will not likely become apparent until such a time as the regime chooses to take it into its own hands and smash it into a million pieces—probably at the

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cost of additional millions of lives of unsuspecting Christians.

The Japanese delegation, which included at least two Japanese evangelicals, did not confine itself to extolling the blessings of life under the Red regime. It returned with recommendations that the Japanese church undertake steps similar to those taken in China since Communism took over in 1949. Included in these recommendations was the idea that the Japanese churches should be "independent" of the foreign missionary and of foreign mission funds.

This, of course, is a high-sounding objective. It is an objective which most missionaries are seeking to accomplish in the due course of time. But taken before that time it can serve to cut the national Christian church off from the immediate source of the vitality of evangelistic Christianity. This is exactly the desire of the Communist leaders. Thus they wed the objective of "independence" with the tendency toward nationalism and come up with a diabolically clever weapon against Christianity—a weapon which is strangely attractive to superficial Christianity.

The delegation reported largely on the outward aspects of conditions in China and in the Chinese church. The spiritual prospects were left almost untouched. One observer reported that "although, theologically, they (Chinese Christians) have not advanced much, they have a large number of good, earnest Christians everywhere." If things have come to a theological standstill it might well be judged that an honest, pure relationship with the Scriptures stands in jeopardy, if it has not already ceased to exist. But apart from such a relationship, what is left of evangelical Christianity?

The Church in China needs our prayers!

Night Club Bill

A bill to reduce the excise tax on cabarets (H.R. 17—introduced by Aime J. Forand of R. I.) was recently reported by a House subcommittee to the full Ways and Means Committee of the House. This is the first time in the past several years that any measures of this nature have got to first base. As the bill was originally written it would repeal the tax *in toto*. However, it was amended in subcommittee so as to reduce the excise tax from 20% to 10%. The biggest push for such a reduction has come from the musicians' union, on the theory that the tax is excessive and has put many night spots out of business, thus imposing hardships on the segment of the music industry which caters to the night trade.

When a bill to repeal the tax was introduced last year, one member of Congress stated that it would increase rather than decrease the income of the federal treasury—the theory being that the increase in the number of night spots, amount of liquor served, and personnel employed in this connection would more than make up the difference.

If passed, this piece of legislation could have a terrible effect on the highways and in the homes of the nation. The frequent association of night spots with highway accidents and fatalities should be enough in itself to give members of Congress serious thoughts before taking any kind of action toward the establishment of more caberets throughout the country.

But these measures have a way of creeping through the back halls of Congress, unless people of quickened conscience are alert. Those who wish to register opposition to such a measure should write the member of Congress from their district.

Anniversary of "America"

The House approved a concurrent resolution calling upon the nation to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the first singing of the hymn "America" by a group of Boston Sunday school children in the Park Street Church.

The hymn, written by Rev. Samuel Francis Smith of Andover, Mass., was first sung by a chorus of children at the Park Street church in Boston on July 4, 1832.

Rep. Laurence Curtis (R.-Mass.) offered the resolution which declared "it is the sense of Congress that this anniversary should be given due recognition because this hymn has touched the life of the nation."

Special services were held in Park Street Church to commemorate the event.

Colombian Promise

Three top-ranking officials of the new government in Colombia have promised to study edicts of the former Rojas government with a view to framing "a communication that annuls the former edicts and establishes the accord with the Constitution and laws."

Evangelical missionaries have held to the hope that such a communication would have the effect of opening the closed churches and schools in Colombia.

The three officials who made this promise are members of the Colombian Cabinet, the Ministers of Government, Education and Foreign Relations. They had been approached by representatives of the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia.

However, the officials of the new government have asked the evangelicals to be "patient and prudent" while the government makes the necessary studies prerequisite to the corrective action which is to be taken.

The representatives of the Evangelical Confederation stated that they had done everything in their power to solicit religious liberty.

Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

Unity in Christ

▪ ECUMENICITY, if it is ever to be achieved to the glory of God, must have its roots strong and deep in spiritual unity.

Too many of our ecumenical statesmen today are primarily concerned with institutionalism and theology. And that concern is motivated by a desire to devise organizations and beliefs which will lend themselves to the achievement of "The Coming Great Church."

The *true* Church has always been, is today and always will be *one body in Christ.* Unity does not consist in what men think about Christ. It will not come in the concoction of some new ecumenical Christology. It lies in the New Testament revelation of Christ made real in personal experience. The only unity for which Christ prayed, in the seventeenth chpter of John's Gospel, was the spiritual unity of the saved in Him—"Even as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they may be one in us."

The time has come to try the divine strategy. We have been going about this business of ecumenicity from the wrong end—man's end. Only as we see the problems and the issues of division eye to eye with God can we get the true perspective. Only as we seek the leading of His Spirit can we find the right road.

Paul, in the Ephesian letter, verses 14-21, tells how God led in breaking down the "middle wall of partition" between Jewish and Gentile Christians. Here was a barrier just as real as any that exists between Christians today. Jew and Gentile became one in Christ. The achievement was superhuman. Christ became their peace, their unity. Through Him by the one Spirit they gained access to the Father. Upon Him, as the Chief Cornerstone, all the building was fitly framed together, growing into a holy temple in the Lord.

If all those who are vitally and essentially one in Christ today would unquestioningly and deliberately drop all concern, reference or argument about the things which divide us, and seek the face of Christ, think only what would please Him, do only what He commands and acknowledge only His authority, we would find ourselves growing into the one temple which is to His glory.

The motivation for unity must come from Christ Himself and be channeled through men absolutely submitted to His will as it is revealed in the New Testament and absolutely abandoned to His method of achievement. Our only hope for a truly united church is in Jesus Christ.

"New Day" in China?

▪ WE HEAR MUCH from liberal religionists these days about the "new day" in China. They claim Mao Tse-Tung is a changed man and that the time has come for the United States to recognize Red China and vote to seat this barbaric government in the United Nations.

At about the same time as this latest propaganda was being released in our high places, Former Premier Edgar Faure of France visited Mao in Peiping and released his interview through International News Service. What did Faure think about Mao?

The keen political analyst of France said "total Communism" and stern eradication of all opposition to this goal are and will remain the aims of Red China's rulers, despite their recent "soft speeches" which have been featured in the liberal religious press.

Faure specifically asked Mao about his address released last February 27 in which he stated that he is permitting "a hundred schools of thought" to flourish in China. Mao said, "Our people must be able to criticize. Otherwise points of irritation and incomprehension will appear. One must be able to say what is on his heart. But," he added significantly, "with a nation like ours it is necessary to observe certain limits."

Faure concluded that no political turning point has been reached in China. There will be careful handling of non-Communists, integration of different sectors of the national life into the Mao regime and continued brainwashing to achieve ultimate ends. The strategy is "educational" for Communists and "curative" for the "opposition."

This analysis of the situation in Red China makes sense. We trust that the same realistic policies which our State Department has pursued in recent years with regard to the Mao regime will continue. It is the only political hope for the lovers of freedom in the Far East.

A Canon's Blast

▪ CANON BRYAN GREEN, Anglican clergyman of Birmingham, has had an evangelistic ministry in Canada and the United States during the past ten years, which has been greatly blessed of God. We have frequently spoken a good word for him and trust that the Lord will continue to give him much fruit in his labors.

But we have been concerned not a little with Canon Green's recent attack on "fundamentalism" in the *Canadian Churchman.* It was included in a statement on hindrances to evangelism in which he joined fundamentalism with "spiritual shallowness" as the two chief obstacles. Then he went on to define fundamentalism and to tell how it is defeating evangelism.

The Canon disliked the fact that great crowds were attracted to hear this strictly biblical view of the Gospel. This might be "dangerous," he thought.

These preachers, said the Canon, have "such definite convictions" about things which "disturb" university people and thinking men in general.

They insist on literal and historic interpretations of the "stories" of the Creation, the Fall, the Resurrection, the Ascension and the Second Coming of Christ.

They insist that "Christ obtained forgiveness for mankind by Himself suffering the penalty human sinners deserve" and that this is the only explanation of the Cross and the Atonement.

They suspect the Christianity of people who do not accept "their Puritanism which prohibits smoking, drinking, dancing and so on."

Finally, these "fundamentalists" have no concept of "the problem of living as a Christian in a non-Christian society" or of the importance of the social gospel.

The Canon neglected to say what he believed that is so much in conflict with these views. We refuse to speculate on his opinions, lest we misrepresent them. It would seem, however, that he has departed from the emphasis which has made his ministry so rewarding. He has called men to accept Christ as Saviour and the world's only hope. He has emphasized repentance and cleansing. He has urged com-

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Evangelical Newsfront

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IN NEW YORK'S YANKEE STADIUM over 100,000 persons heard Evangelist Billy Graham in his plea for decisions for Christ, July 20. This was the largest audience ever to assemble for an evangelistic meeting in American history.

N. Y. Stadium Meeting Climax for Campaign

■ ALL RECORDS in the history of evangelism in the United States have been broken by the New York crusade under the leadership of Dr. Billy Graham. This tremendous answer to prayer has resulted in nearly 50,000 decisions for Christ.

Th climax of the campaign came when 100,000 people gathered in Yankee Stadium on Saturday evening, July 20 and some 20,000 were turned away (*Action*, August 1).

Vice President, Richard M. Nixon, accompanied Dr. Graham to the platform, and delivered an address which began with the expression of the greetings and best wishes of President Eisenhower. Mr. Nixon was introduced by Dr. Graham as America's "ambassador of goodwill, a young man with vision, integrity and courage." Mr. Nixon called Dr. Graham a sincre, humble man, and wished God's blessings on the Evangelist and all of the co-workers in the Crusade. He stated that one of the major reasons for America's progress was the deep and abiding faith of its people.

Statistically, only the Yankee Stadium crowd has been surpassed in previous Graham Crusade accomplishments. The final meeting in London in 1954 drew 120,000 persons to Wembley Stadium. Estimates of the crowd turned away at Yankee Stadium placed the overflow at between 25,000 and 35,000. Stadium officials, fearing conditions beyond control, locked the Stadium gates with thousands still arriving in a never-ending stream outside the walls.

The tightly congested crowd forced Stadium officials to request a change in Billy Graham's usual practice of calling for persons to come forward to record their decision for Christ. Instead, the Evangelist could only ask that those who wished to make their decision for Christ should raise their hand or stand in their place. Hundreds of hands were raised and other hundreds of individuals stood quietly for a prayer asking God's blessing on their decision. Later they were asked to write Crusade Headquarters for literature and other helps in the Christian life. In the first two days 1,892 letters were received, indicating their desire for spiritual counsel. This number of replies raised to 37,120 the rcorded decisions for Christ during the 9½ weeks of the Crusade, surpassing the decisions recorded in the twelve weeks of the London Crusade in 1954.

Dr. Graham's sermon at Yankee Stadium included specific references to the fact that no individual was responsible in any way for the great crowd, but that it could be attributed solely to God answering the prayers of His people around the world.

The Yankee Stadium meeting raised to 1,202,600 the total attendance in the 61 meetings of the 9½ week Crusade, already extended past its original closing date of June 30. The average nightly attendance of 19,700 was the highest in the Graham Team's experience.

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Radio-TV

Urge Global Expansion Of Lutheran Broadcasts

ST. LOUIS—(RNS)—Resolutions calling for global expansion of the Lutheran Hour broadcasts and additional USA stations for the Family Worship Hour program were adopted by the Lutheran Laymen's League at its 40th anniversary international convention here.

The Lutheran Hour, a world-wide Gospel radio program, and the Family Worship Hour, a 15-minute daily devotional program, are sponsored by the League, an affiliate of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The Lutheran Hour enters its 25th broadcasting season this fall.

Delegates also passed a resolution calling for a study by the League of placing "preaching through the press" ads in newspapers.

Highlight of the convention was a huge Lutheran Hour rally attended by some 2,500 persons. It featured a pageant-tableau depicting the 40-year history of the 100,000-member League. Principal speaker was Dr. Oswald Hoffman of New York, preacher on the radio program.

The convention's keynote address was made by Dr. John W. Behnken of St. Louis, president of the Missouri Synod. He spoke on the meeting's theme: "Building with Christ."

New Gospel Station Serves Puerto Rico

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico.—A new gospel station (WIVV) has been organized here on an island off the coast of Puerto Rico. The broadcasting is principally in English as there is a large English-speaking population in the various islands of this area. A recent report from WIVV indicates listeners in 63 islands, countries, and states. The station has a "near saturation" ministry in all the English-speaking islands within 400 miles.

WIVV is owned and operated by Calvary Baptist Mission, Bradenton, Florida. Rev. Donald Luttrell is the Field Director.

Bible Conference Buys Radio Station

DELRAY BEACH, Fla.—Ira Lee Eshleman, president of Boca Raton Bible Conference Grounds, has received word that the Federal Communications

Commission has approved the purchase by the conference of radio station WDBF here. According to Mr. Eshleman, the Boca Raton Conference is the first Bible conference to own and operate a radio station in this country. WDBF was purchased for $60,000 contributed by persons interested in the conference's work. Mr. Eshleman said "there is a profound need for a gospel radio ministry" in south Florida. For several years he has conducted a "Radio Bible Commentator" program over stations in Miami, Belle Glade, Fla., Detroit and Pittsburgh.

Baptists Condemn NCC Radio Policy

CHICAGO—Dr. Warren C. Hultgren of Tulsa, Okla., told the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference here that moves to place the assignment of free air time for preaching in the hands of a single organization should be opposed.

"Increasingly, our friends of the National Council of Churches seek to become the clearing house for all Protestant broadcasting and telecasting," he said.

Mr. Hultgren, vice-president of the conference, asserted that major networks and local outlets "feel they are solving their own problems by allowing this one group to make distribution of free time for religious broadcasting."

"As Southern Baptists," he said, "we feel that this would work a distinct hardship upon us inasmuch as we are not organically identified with the National Council and are not always in the greatest sympathy with those who comprise its leadership."

The pastors' meeting was held in connection with the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

United Action

Pres. Petticord on NAE Speaking Tour

WHEATON, Ill.—Dr. Paul P. Petticord, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, has recently completed a nationwide tour in the interest of the NAE.

On June 16 through 23 he conducted citywide meetings sponsored by the evangelical churches of Aurora, Nebraska. He spoke at the United Missionary Church of Goshen, Indiana, and at the Missionary Church of Berne, Indiana, on June 30. He represented the NAE at the District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene at Beacon, New York, during which he presented Mr. Wendell L. Rockey, director of the World Relief Commission, the relief arm of the NAE.

While in New York he attended the Billy Graham New York Crusade and was introduced to the audience at Madison Square Garden. He conferred with Dr. Graham about evangelical matters of mutual interest concerning the NAE.

During his tour he attended the Oriental Missionary Society annual convention at Winona Lake, Indiana, where he was reelected president of the home board, a position which he has held for six years.

Dr. Petticord is serving his second year as president of the National Association of Evangelicals. He is also in his eleventh year as president of Western Evangelical Seminary, a graduate school of theology at Portland, Oregon. He has received a D.D. degree from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, and in June of this year was granted an LL.D., from Houghton College, Houghton, New York.

Indonesia Fellowship Is Meeting in Celebes

MENADO, Celebes.—The Indonesia Evangelical Fellowship will hold its first conference, since its organization, in this city August 25-31. During the same period there will be an evangelistic campaign in which Dr. Timothy Dzao will be one of the principal speakers. The city of Singapore is hoping to be host to the coming convention of the World Evangelical Fellowship in 1959.

Japan Invites WEF's Triennial Convention

TOKYO, Japan.—This year's convention of the Evangelical Fellowship of Japan was its sixth. Evangelicals in Kobe, the host city, were most hospitable. The spirit of unity was gratifying and the attendance was larger than ever before. One new denomination received as a member has 120 preachers. It was voted to invite the World Evangelical Fellowship to hold its triennial convention in Japan in 1959. Rev. H. Kitagawa is president of EFJ.

Public Affairs

N. H. House Defeats Released Time Bill

CONCORD, N. H.—(RNS)—After a heated debate the House defeated, 216-112, a bill to authorize released-time religious instruction for the state's public school students.

The measure would have permitted pupils to be excused from school for not more than one hour a week to attend religious education classes.

Opponents of the bill charged it was a bid to "brain-wash" the youth of New Hampshire and a "step in the direction of integrating Church and State."

Proponents said it was simply "permissive" legislation. They contended that similar bills had been adopted by 46 of the 48 states. They added it was "shocking" to hear the opposition imply it would be "an evil thing" to expose public school children to religion.

Church Members Picket Grocers Selling Liquor

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—(RNS)—Some 250 members of seven Protestant churches in this area picketed local grocery stores selling wine or beer.

Armed with placards and other signs, the church members publicly protested sales of intoxicating beverages. They also presented petitions signed by community residents to the store owners urging them to stop that phase of their business.

A spokesman for the picketing group said their action was "not a bitter protest, but was made in Christian love."

"As Christians and as members of a

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● THE HAITIAN TREATY, long a matter of controversy because of its lack of guarantees of religious liberty, has been withdrawn by President Eisenhower. The National Association of Evangelicals led the fight against Senate ratification.

● REV. BRUCE F. HUNT, missionary overseas for nearly thirty years, has been elected moderator of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He succeeds Dr. Edward J. Young of Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

● H. EARY EAVEY, banker and wholesale grocer of Xenia, Ohio passed to his reward July 28. Mr. Eavey has long been an active leader in the Christian Business Men's Committee International and was a member of the board of trustees of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, since 1938. He was an elder in the First Reformed Church, Xenia.

● GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL has set as its objective for the 1957-58 fiscal year the placing of a Bible in each of the 720,000 hotel and motel guest rooms in the USA and Canada presently without one, according to President P. J. Zondervan.

● USA DOLLAR BILLS will bear the inscription "In God We Trust" beginning about October 1. Legislation authorizing the innovation was passed in 1955, but because of technical problems did not take effect previously.

● COLLEGE STUDENTS like their liquor. According to a recent survey conducted by the Yale School of Alcohol Studies seventy-five per cent of them use alcoholic beverages. However, the per centage in some of the colleges was as high as 92 for the men and 89 for the women.

● BILLY GRAHAM has announced that he will hold month-long crusades in San Francisco next April and in Charlotte, North Carolina in October, 1958. If auditorium facilities are available, he will conduct a four-week campaign in Buffalo, N. Y., in November.

● DR. GEOFFREY FISHER, Archbishop of Canterbury, warned the World Council of Churches that it was treading on dangerous ground in entering the field of international politics and advising the nations on matters of diplomacy. His statement was made before the WCC Central Committee meeting in New Haven, Conn., July 31.

● BACK-TO-GOD HOUR, Christian Reformed broadcast, will go on the NBC network, beginning October 6. For the present the broadcast will also be aired over the Mutual network.

free community," he said, "we have the right to be heard. We must voice our feelings."

Sunday Auto Sales Prohibited in Penna.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—(RNS)—Gov. George M. Leader signed into law a bill designed to prohibit sale of automobiles on Sunday in Pennsylvania..

While such sales are actually illegal under existing laws, the fine is only $4. The new law puts the penalty at a maximum of $100 for first violations and $200 for repeat offenders.

The governor had previously announced that he would sign the bill. Organized auto dealers approved the measure, saying they wanted to close on Sundays but couldn't because of the competition in the business.

Oklahoma United Drys Launch Prayer Crusade

OKLAHOMA CITY—(RNS)—United Drys of Oklahoma have launched a statewide prayer crusade in their campaign for county option on the sale of beer.

Dr. Stanley B. Niles, executive director of the church group, said a decision to reinforce its political stand with prayer vigils was made in an interim meeting of the executive board. He said the idea originated from the Billy Graham campaign in Oklahoma City last summer. Before that crusade got underway Mr. Graham asked for city-wide prayers for the success of the work.

In the early fall, Oklahomans will have an opportunity to vote on the local option issue upon direction of Gov. Raymond Gary. The vote probably will be in November.

Dr. Niles said United Drys have planned an aggressive campaign to get people to vote their convictions on the beer question, and that it was felt "we couldn't do anything more powerful than to call for a vigil of prayer for the campaign."

City of Wichita Rescinds Child Evangelism Permit

WICHITA, Kan.—(RNS)—Permission to the Child Evagelism Fellowship of Pacific Palisades, Calif., to contact Wichita children on streets and public property to give them Bible messages and stories was first granted and later rescinded by the City Commission.

The five-member commission cancelled the permit after a two-hour fellowship debate during which the Wichita Council of Churches, the Wichita Evangelical Fellowship and other Protestant groups strongly protested its earlier action on the grounds of separation of Church and State. In both cases the vote was 3 to 2, with Mayor E. E. Baird reversing his previous stand.

Impromptu Bible classes were to be held by the fellowship in public school playgrounds which the City Park Department takes over during the summer.

Protestant groups also protested the city's authorization on the grounds that children must be protected against being approached by strangers, and that "equal opportunity" for all religious groups must be maintained with no one church organization being granted more "privileges."

State Department Rules In Favor of the Vatican

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The State Department said here that American citizens who enter the diplomatic service of the Vatican do not jeopardize their citizenship under the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. It said the reason is that they do not take an oath of allegiance or loyalty to a foreign state, within the meaning of that act.

The department's statement was in response to charges by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) that passage of a Congressional act authorizing Reps. John J. Rooney (D.-N.Y.) and John W. McCormack (D.-Mass.) to accept Papal decorations may jeopardize citizenship of American bishops and priests serving the Vatican.

POAU said that the "dilemma" of whether the Vatican is a "foreign state" in the eyes of American law or merely a Church should be resolved by according the Vatican in USA law the same status as other Churches.

"The rights and duties of followers of the Pope—no 'subjects'— should be the same as those of all other United States citizens regardless of church affiliation," Dr. Glenn L. Archer, POAU executive director, declared. He said that Congress acted hastily and ill-advisedly in deciding that an act granting permission of Congress was necessary to allow the Congressmen to wear the decoration of the Order of St. Gregory the Great with star, conferred upon them by Pope Pius XII and presented by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, the Apostolic Delegate.

The State Department, however, through high-ranking officials of its legal division, said that passage of the recent Congressional act does not change the status of the Vatican in the eyes of USA law.

"We have recognized the Vatican as a sovereign foreign state since the Lateran Treaty of 1929," a State Department spokesman said.

"This additional recognition by Congress of the status of the Pope as a temporal ruler of the Vatican City does not change the situation."

POAU is not satisfied with the State Department's ruling and expects to carry the issue further.

The State Department also answered a question raised by POAU as to the status of the American citizenship of Archbishop Aloysius Muench, Bishop of Fargo, N.D., who serves as Papal Nuncio to West Germany and Msgr. Joseph McGeough who recently was named Papal Internuncio in Ethiopia. It said that the McCarran-Walter Act does not bar all service under a foreign state, but only that requiring an oath of allegiance to that state.

Section 349 A (b) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act declares that citizenship is automatically revoked if an American is guilty of "accepting in or serving in or performing the duties of any office, post, or employment under the government of a foreign state or political subdivision thereof, for which post an oath, affirmation or declaration of loyalty is required."

The Department spokesman said that "no such oath to the Vatican state seems to be required for those serving in such positions and, consequently, their citizenship is not in jeopardy."

education

Deans and Advisers In New Organization

CHICAGO.—On June 21, a new organization was formed known as the "Association of Christian Deans and Advisers of Men." This is an outgrowth of a series of seminars held during the last three summers at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. At its organizational meeting a constitution was adopted and officers were elected as follows: President, W. Howard Schoof, Dean of Students, Detroit Bible Institute; Vice-President, Cyril H. Eicher, Dean of Students, Fort Wayne Bible College; Secretary, Laurence A. Lufborrow, Director of Admissions and Counseling, Philadelphia Bible Institute.

According to its constitution the purpose of ACDAM is "to stimulate group study and to share experiences in the realm of mutual problems; to emphasize the use of Scripture and Scriptural principles in student personnel services and disseminate pertinent information; to define, evaluate, and recommend standard procedures for the exchange of student personnel information; and to provide a united voice for recommendation to member schools."

At the seminar at Moody, June 17-21 this summer, twenty-nine men, representing twenty-one schools were present. Membership is open to "Deans, Counselors and Advisers of Men in Christian schools of higher education." Plans are being made for next year's meeting to be held at Fort Wayne Bible College, June 16-20, 1958.

Dr. S. A. Witmer Becomes New Secretary of AABIBC

PHILADELPHIA.—Dr. S. A. Witmer will give full time to the interests of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges beginning January 1, 1958, it was announced by Dr. William Mierop, the association's president (*Action*, July 15). Dr. Witmer was appointed to fill the newly created office of executive secretary by the executive committee of AABIBC with the unanimous approval of member schools.

In addition to administrative duties, Dr. Witmer will be a consultant to member schools and those seeking admission to the association. He will also represent the interests of the association before governmental and educational agencies.

Dr. Witmer has been serving as president of Fort Wayne Bible College since 1945 and had previously served the college as instructor and dean. He tendered his resignation to the Governing Board on June 6 and was asked to continue in office until beginning his work with AABIBC on January 1.

Under Dr. Witmer's leadership, Fort Wayne Bible College has achieved a place of prestige in the Bible College movement and has become affiliated with various educational associations. Through his efforts, the college was the first of its kind to be evaluated by the North Central Association with the result that NCA has opened its doors to include accreditation of Bible colleges. In 1955, FWBC achieved accreditation by the Indiana State Depart-

ment of Public Instruction, and teacher training was added to the college's curriculum. Dr. Witmer also inaugurated a course in missionary nursing service for girls, offered in cooperation with the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing. The area of general education in the college's curriculum has been strengthened, and other majors which have been added include speech and social studies.

In 1947, he launched negotiations for acquiring a 14-acre tract of land for development purposes near the college. Title to the site was secured in 1953. Two of the college's major buildings, Providence Hall and Residence Hall, were erected during his presidency, and a third, Leightner Hall, was acquired. Recently under his leadership, a development program for the college was launched. The first two buildings to be constructed are a library and an administration-education unit.

The Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges is committed to a Biblio-centric philosophy of education. It defines academic standards of college grade for Bible institutes and colleges and evaluates their programs in the light of association criteria and objectives. Thirty schools have accredited status and eleven have associated membership.

Dr. Witmer has had wide experience for his new responsibilities, having served in various capacities as president, examiner, and member of the association's executive committee. Additional experience for his new post was gained in 1951 when he prepared a dissertation as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the doctor of philosophy degree at the University of Chicago. His topic was "An Evaluation of Professional Accrediting Agencies," and the research acquainted him with accrediting practices in America.

Dancing at Baptist Colleges Big Issue

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—(RNS)—Three more Baptist groups have requested trustees of Wake Forest College here to rescind their action permitting dancing on the campus. Similar requests have been made to Meredith College, Raleigh. Both are Southern Baptist schools.

Earlier some Baptist churches threatened to cut off financial support to Wake Forest unless the trustees retracted their dancing permission.

The latest requests were made by the Green River Baptist Pastors Conference, the Green River Baptist Association's executive committee and the Yates Baptist Ministerial Association.

A resolution adopted by both the Green River groups said the trustees' action "is not in keeping with the convictions or desire of the overwhelming majority of our North Carolina Baptists constituency and will therefore bring about unnecessary dissension and confusion."

Copies of the resolution were sent to officials of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in addition to the colleges.

Meanwhile Wake Forest trustees have authorized a seven-member committee to study the problem. It comprises three trustees, three members of the faculty and administration and the president of the student body.

Laymen

Christian Businessmen Convention at Phoenix

CHICAGO—More than a thousand delegates from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Korea, Northern Rhodesia, Mexico and other countries are expected to attend the 20th annual convention of Christian Business Men's Committee International at Phoenix, Arizona, Ocober 23-27, 1957, Dr. T. E. McCully, CBMCI executive secretary, has announced.

Business highlights will include the election of five new directors and an International chairman to succeed Waldo Yeager, of Toledo, Ohio, who retires from the Board after serving his three-year term.

Keynote address of the convention will be delivered by Vice-Chairman Donald F. McKechnie, of Ottawa, a partner in the accounting firm of McKechnie and Boles. Other main speakers will include Richard Woike, New York City; R. G. LeTourneau, Longview, Texas; Stanley Tam, Lima, O.; Karl Williams, Bellflower, Calif.; George Armerding, Oakland, Calif.; Ben Lake, Chicago, Ill.; Lorin Griset, Santa Ana, Calif.; R. P. Woodburn, Washington, D.C., and Yeager.

Convention theme will be "Men of Vision." Five workshop sessions at noon Thursday will discuss evangelism through administration, evangelism through meetings, evangelism through personal contact, evangelism through visual means, and evangelism through outside channels.

A number of foreign delegates will report, including Dr. Lee Kyung Wha, Kampori, Korea; Arthur Contag, Quito, Ecuador; Ing. Emigdo Villanueva, Mexico City, Mexico; Gordon Suckling, Northern Rhodesia, Africa; Wm. J. R. Horsburgh, London, England; Dr. Jaime Santamoria, Havana, Cuba, and Rafael Silva, Havana, Cuba.

A pre-convention conference of chairmen and other local committee officers Wednesday afternoon will feature talks by Gaylord Hicks, Santa Ana, Calif.; D. E. Redekop, Winnipeg, Man., and Joseph Massanari, Champaign, Ill.

Press

Literature Project Operative in 1958

LAGOS, Nigeria—Racing against the tide of secular civilizations sweeping into Africa, the Sudan Interior Mission is launching a new literature project aimed at reaching African tribes with periodicals in their own languages. The West African Field Council has announced plans for producing a series of highly illustrated, colorful gospel leaflets under the initials "V.I.P."—Vernacular Illustrated Publications for Africa (*Action,* June 15).

"While our Christian magazine, *African Challenge,* has been reaching English-speaking literates all over the continent, we have felt the need of reaching Africans who are literate only in their own tribal languages," Rev. R. J. Davis, West Africa Field Director, stated. "Western materialism flooding into the English-speaking coastal areas has not yet overcome inherent interest areas. We plan to reach entire tribes with the gospel in print before materialism and cults reach them."

Under the VIP plan, the Mission's Niger Press is to expand its letterpress equipment to handle local publications. The *African Challenge* press will install offset machinery to print vernacular literature. Operations are expected to begin in January 1958.

Dengta Magazine Reaching Chinese

HONG KONG.—*Dengta Magazine,* a popular Chinese journal under evangelical auspices, is receiving wide acceptance. In Taiwan its acceptance by both missionary personnel and Chinese church leaders is most encouraging. One copy sent into Red China is being read by 100 people every month. *Dengta's* staff estimates that over 16,000 copies are going to Chinese in over forty countries where over 90,000 people read them.

World Vision Launches New Missions Magazine

PASADENA, Calif.—The month of June marked the appearance of a new missionary magazine, published by World Vision, Inc.

Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, announces that the new publication will be issued each two months. To be known as *World Vision Magazine,* it features up-to-date news from the mission fields of the world and is profusely illustrated.

Director of Publications Roy Wolfe, under whose direction the new magazine was launched, states that it will be sent free upon request "in the interest of encouraging more faithful prayer for world missions."

Editor of the new publication is Larry Ward, former managing editor of *Christian Life* and *Christianity Today* magazines. Kenneth Stroman serves as staff artist.

Denominations

Form New Mission Board For Bible Presbyterians

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(E/P)—A new Presbyterian mission board has been set up by the Bible Presbyterian Church. To be known as World Presbyterian Missions, Inc., the new organization was established in Wilmington, Delaware, last June 11, at the denomination's Twenty-first General Synod. A governing board of 18 members has been named.

President of the new agency is Dr. T. Stanley Soltau, nationally recognized authority on missions and for 25 years a missionary in Korea. Dr. Soltau is now pastor of First Evangelical Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

The new board will be "totally committed to the historic Christian faith and to the establishment of indigenous churches through the use of direct evangelism, schools, medical institutions, printing houses and other agencies to this end." First missionaries to be appointed by the new board are Rev. and Mrs. John G. Crane, Jr.

(Spokesmen for the Bible Presbyterian Church report that the new board

The Last New Testament!

Recently a newly converted woman visited a small village in Greece. A shepherd sought her out and asked pleadingly, "Please, Miss, would it be at all possible for you to give me a New Testament? I am that shepherd to whom you gave a Gospel tract a year ago. Don't you remember?" He took it from his pocket and showed it to her, worn with time. She felt deeply regretful that she did not have a Testament to give this seeking soul. The poor shepherd was ready to burst into tears. "Please, Miss, won't you give me your own New Testament? I need it so much," he begged. Persuaded that he was deeply in earnest, she gave it to him.

Meanwhile another shepherd joined them and pleaded for a New Testament, too. How her heart ached at the look of sadness in his eyes when she had to refuse him. Only after she promised to mail him a Testament when she returned home did the shadow lift.

On her return she related this incident to our missionary and asked for another New Testament. But there was nothing he could do for that poor shepherd. There was not a single Testament left of his supply.

"My dear brethren," this missionary writes us, "I appeal to you in the name of the Lord Jesus to provide me with the food with which to satisfy the spiritual hunger of our countrymen. Think of poor sinners desperately seeking for Christ's salvation and do what God's love prompts you to do."

What can we add to this except that for $5.00 you can provide 20 New Testaments or 5 whole Bibles, or a large supply of Gospel tracts and other Christian literature? What if you were the second shepherd? Send your gifts to the American Mission to Greeks, Inc., Rev. Spiros Zodhiates, General Secretary, Dept. U., P.O. Box 423, New York 36, N.Y. (In Canada 90 Duplex Ave., Toronto 7, Ont.)

was needed because "some missionaries (of the Independent Board) have been dismissed and others have resigned" in a controversy now raging in the denomination. Some members of the new board were also members of the Independent Board until they "were forced to resign under pressure.")

Southern Baptist Men Meeting in Oklahoma

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—If attendance goals are reached, the first National Conference of Southern Baptist Men will undoubtedly be one of the largest meetings of Christian men in history.

The conference has a goal of from 8,000 to 10,000 laymen and pastors for its three days in Oklahoma City Sept. 18-20.

The theme chosen for the conference is "Free Men Through the Ages." The idea behind the theme is to help the men see and understand the contributions that Baptists have made through the centuries in this matter of freedom of worship, freedom of conscience, and freedom of man to govern himself.

The program will have a world mission emphasis since Southern Baptists are observing World Mission Year during 1957.

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YFC Members to Conduct Crusades in Scandinavia

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—Youth for Christ members will conduct 52 week-long evangelistic crusades among teenagers in Scandinavian countries in August.

Rev. Sam W. Wolgemuth of Wheaton, Ill., YFC overseas director, said 40 of the campaigns will be in Denmark and the remainder in Sweden, Holland, Norway, Finland, Switzerland and Germany.

He announced the evangelistic effort "to present Christ to teenagers," during the 13th annual convention here of YFC.

The crusades follow the ninth Youth Congress on Evangelism in Copenhagen, Aug. 4-11.

Mr. Wolgemuth said delegates from behind the Iron Curtain were expected to attend the congress.

The North American delegates flew from New York to Copenhagen by 114-seat chartered plane.

Christian Endeavor Is To Stress Evangelism

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—"For Christ and the Church" is the theme of the new biennial program of Christian Endeavor launched at the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13.

More than 1,300 young people from the United States and Canada listened to addresses by Dr. Earle W. Gates, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Rev. Melvin M. Forney, Dr. Carlton C. Buck, Rev. Paul M. Nagano, and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, and pledged themselves to a new loyalty to the basic principles of Christian Endeavor and to renewed efforts for evangelism and citizenship.

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national Society of Christian Endeavor, declared in the keynote address.

"New advances in evangelism must be made," continued Dr. Gates. "A greater program of leadership training is of immediate urgency. Far-reaching projects in Christian citizenship are in preparation. By these and by other avenues of service will Christian youth translate its faith into action."

In his address on "What It Means to Follow Jesus Christ," Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, said, "Christian Endeavor itself is the fruit of evangelism, and is a demonstration of the effectiveness of both mass and personal evangelism. At the heart of evangelism is the great commission and Christ's high command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Implicit in that commission and command is the truth, comprehensive and eternal, that social change, that the Christianizing of the social order, that the new and better world, wait always on new men and new women. Men and women redeemed by Jesus Christ and made new in Him are the new world builders."

Endeavorers passed resolutions asking personal consideration of the results of using tobacco, alcoholic drinks, and narcotics, rather than following the crowd or being swayed by advertisements. The convention urged Christians to accept civic responsibility by voting, making themselves available for office, and standing by Christian convictions when elected and called for members to refrain from secular and business activities on Sunday that proper honor might be given to the Lord's Day.

Resolutions were also passed calling for active promotion of the total graded Christian Endeavor program and for a rededication to the cardinal principles, the pledge, the Quiet Hour, and the Tenth Legion.

Plans were announced for the 1958 Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest, for the 77th anniversary celebration to take place during Christian Endeavor Week, January 26-February 2, 1958, and for a Christian Citizenship Convention to be held in New York City July 4-6, 1958.

It was voted to hold the 45th International Christian Endeavor convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 6-11, 1959.

WORLD-WIDE

Big Population Growth Concerns Evangelicals

NEW YORK.—Leaders of many evangelical enterprises are expressing increasing concern over the rapid growth of world population and their inability to keep pace with it. The 750-page *Annual Demographic Yearbook,* recently issued by the UN, does not ease their concern. Some statistics from the *Yearbook:*

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It is predicted that the world's population may double by the end of the present century, thus reaching a total of about 5,400,000,000.

Christians Protest Syrian Religion Law

DAMASCUS, Syria—(RNS)—The Syrian Chamber of Deputies has passed a law giving the Prime Minister the power to make whatever changes he "deems appropriate" in the statutes of the Christian communities in this country.

The law was passed with a slight majority after a stormy session and despite protests from Orthodox and

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Roman Catholic authorities as well as from other Christian leaders and Moslem deputies.

Enacted suddenly and without previous public discussion, the law is reported to have created widespread discontent not only among members of Christian communities, but also among Moslem religious officials. The latter appear to fear that their turn may come next.

Syria's population of a little over 3,000,000 is predominantly Moslem. There are nearly 500,000 Christians. Catholics number 114,597 distributed among six Rites, Melkite, Syrian, Armenian, Maronite, Latin and Chaldean.

The law follows a pattern of Arab antagonism to Christianity in the new Arab League.

North India Union Plan is Approved

PACHMARHI, India—RNS)—After 28 years of negotiations, the North India Church Union Plan was finalized and unanimously approved at a meeting here of representatives of seven denominational bodies.

The plan provides for the organic merger of the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon, the United Church of Northern India, the Methodist Church in Southern Asia, the Methodist Church (British and Australian Conference), the congregations associated with Baptist missionary societies in India and Pakistan, the Church of the Brethren, and the Disciples of Christ.

Accepting "the historic episcopate" as an essential part of the pattern of the merged Church, the plan nevertheless provides for an act of union based on the immediate full recognition of the ministries and episcopates of all the uniting bodies.

Personalia

John R. Dick, president of the Evangelical Mennonite Conference, is in Paraguay conferring with Mennonites in a number of settlements. Before his return to the USA he will also visit Mennonite settlements in Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil. Dr. Dick is dean of education in Grace Bible Institute in Omaha, Neb.

Charles W. Shilling, Taylor University alumnus, is Deputy Director of the Atomic Energy Commission's Division of Biology and Medicine. At the 177th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Shilling was named a Fellow.

Robert H. Reardon has been named president of Anderson College succeding Dr. John A. Morrison who has held that post for thirty-five years.

Robert M. Chrisman, area secretary for India and the Far East of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, is making an administrative trip to the two CMA fields in India, returning to the USA October 31.

Alan Kerr, Honorable Secretary of the newly formed Evangelical Alliance of Australia, is visiting the American and British offices of the World Evangelical Alliance this summer. Mr. Kerr is a prominent business man of Victoria.

Mel Larson, for the past several years managing editor of the Youth

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for Christ magazine, has been called to the editorship of the *Evangelical Beacon,* official organ of the Evangelical Free Church of America. He succeeds Dr. Roy A. Thompson, who becomes Secretary of Publications of the denomination.

Fred Jarvis, noted missionary to the Orient, has been lecturing in the USA and Canada, sponsored by the World Literature Crusade. Missionary Jarvis, one-time correspondent for the United Nations and the International News Service, has served 11 years in the Orient, five as director of WLC's Scripture distribution service.

Daniel Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald,* has donated his house and 400 acres of property at Deering, New Hampshire, for use as a children's center. It will be operated by the Christian Herald Association. About 50 children will live in the 21-room house when the program gets under way next summer.

A Canon's Blast

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panionship with the living Christ through the Holy Spirit. He has insisted that men should become instruments in God's hand to accomplish His purposes in our day and time. So far so good.

Why cannot Canon Green rejoice that others with whom he may not agree are being blessed of God to turn many to righteousness? We hate to see him compromise his usefulness by starting an argument in which he is bound to come out second best, for it is simply a matter of record that these Bible-believing evangelists he calls "fundamentalists" are more than any one else, "turning the world upside down for Christ" these days.

Missionary Radio

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ing, until the whole wide world can hear the evangelical Gospel message by radio in every language and dialect of mankind.

To date the roll of evangelical radio broadcasting stations is as follows:

CP27 LaPaz, Bolivia. Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Both frequencies 1 Kw (1000 watts) Nine hours daily in Spanish except Tuesday. One program Sunday—Aymara dialect. Moved into own studios January 1956. Broadcast from city, using FM transmitter to beam program to Amachuma, transmitter site completed August 1955. Plan to increase power to 10 kws.

DZAS Also DZEE and 6 S.W. stations in Manila. 1 S.W., 4 L.W. in Formosa, Far East Broadcasting Company. 36½ program hours daily in 36 major languages and dialects of Asia. Recently

purchased a 50,000 watt RCA band-switching transmitter and a 100,000 watt GE transmitter for use in Manila; 50,000 watt station for Okinawa. Project to take approximately two years to complete.

ELWA Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, Sudan Interior Mission. 12½ hours weekly non-English; 23 different program series-non-English; 32 non-English programs weekly; 76 different languages. Constructing new generator building to house two big 60,000 watt diesel generators. New wing on studio building to house 10,000w S.W., transmitter and give space for programming. Housing for three new engineers. Short wave antennae. Audio equipment.

HCJB The Voice of the Andes, Quito, Ecuador, S.A. The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc. 21 hours daily (Off the air 9 AM-12 noon). Off air Monday 9 AM-6PM. Broadcasting in Spanish, English, Swedish, Russian, French, Portuguese, Quechua, German, Ukrainian. Soon to resume 24 hour broadcasting in 11 languages. Technicians completing construction of 50,000w S.W. transmitter. Embarking on All-Ecuador Gospel Network, seeking to put HCJB programs on commercial stations throughout Republic, especially in big port city of Guayaquil. First step setting up studio in that city, possibly resulting eventually in a broadcast station.

HLKY Seoul, Korea—The National Christian Council (made up of four leading churches in Korea-Presbyterian, Methodist, Holiness, Salvation Army—plus most of the mission boards in Korea including the Oriental Missionary Society). Program two hrs. each Sunday AM for American servicemen in Korea and one-half hour each Sunday evening carrying Billy Graham's "Hour of Decision." Total time weekly, 48 hrs. Dr. Billy Graham and Dr. Bob Pierce have agreed to supply needed funds to increase power to 10,000w.

HOXO "The Voice of the Isthmus" Panama City, R.P. Operated jointly by World Radio Missionary Fellowship and Latin America Mission. 14 hours daily, 4 days weekly; 17 hours Saturday and Sunday. Full seven-day schedule expected soon. Increase power to 5000w.

IBRA Tangier, North Africa. Swedish Pentecostal Church. Service inaugurated by Dr. Lewi Petrus, leader of the Swedish Pentecostal movement. Four 45-min. programs daily, beamed to northern Europe over 3 channels in 8 languages (Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Finnish, German, French, Dutch, English) 4 additional languages to be added and beamed to Spain, Portugal, N. Africa. Programs prerecorded in Stockholm and flown to Tangier.

KAIM Honolulu, Hawaii. Christian Broadcasting Association. 7:00 AM-11:00 PM daily. Predominantly English with some Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Hawaiian. 1000w AM transmitter.

KSEW Sitka, Alaska. Located on campus of Sheldon Jackson Junior College of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Owned and operated by the Board as a commercial station. Weekdays 7-9:00 AM and 3-10:00 PM; Sundays 9-12 noon; 3-10:00 PM. English, Thlinget and Innupiat (Eskimo). Daily devo-

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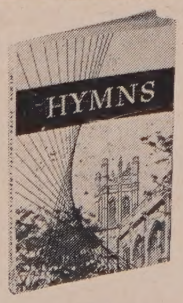

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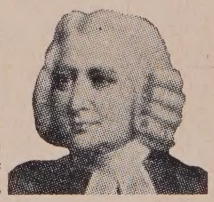

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